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1. A group of technicians under the leadership of Dipl. Ing. Letzas of Schäffer and Budenberg G.m.b.H., Magdeburg, was established by the Russians in 1946. It is an organization similar to the "Sonder-konstruktionsbüros", of which there is or was one, for example, in Halle. 50X1-HUM

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2. "Ingenieurbüro Letzas" consists of ten to fifteen designers and engineers who are ex-Nazis and as such were removed from their posts at Schäffer and Budenberg.

Probably the most valuable member of
 his staff is Dr. Ing. e.h. Otto Klein who

is still very active and is an expert on mass production methods. 50X1-HUM
 Dr. Klein was dismissed from his leading administrative post at Schäffer and Budenberg in December 1945 and joined the Letzas group in July 1946. He had been a "Wehrwirtschaftsführer" under the Nazis. Another member of "Ingenieurbüro Letzas" is a man named Wollbrück.

3. The Letzas group has been instructed by the Russians to re-collect data on old designs, prepare drawings and new constructions, and plan the production of measuring and correcting instruments for high-altitude aircraft.
4. The group's offices were located on the premises of the trading concern Franzen (sic) between Magdeburg-Buckau and Magdeburg-Sudenburg. The "Büro" has, however, now been moved, although Letzas still spends some of his time in Magdeburg, following an earlier report to the effect that on returning from a visit to the Siebel Works in Halle on 26 October 1946 he had noticed Russian sentries outside his house, had realized that his deportation was contemplated, and had immediately fled. Letzas is now reported to have stated that his contract with the Russians specifically mentions that employment outside Germany would not enter into consideration. His sudden disappearance from and reappearance in Magdeburg and the fact that his offices have been at least partly transferred are points that have, however, not been clarified.

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